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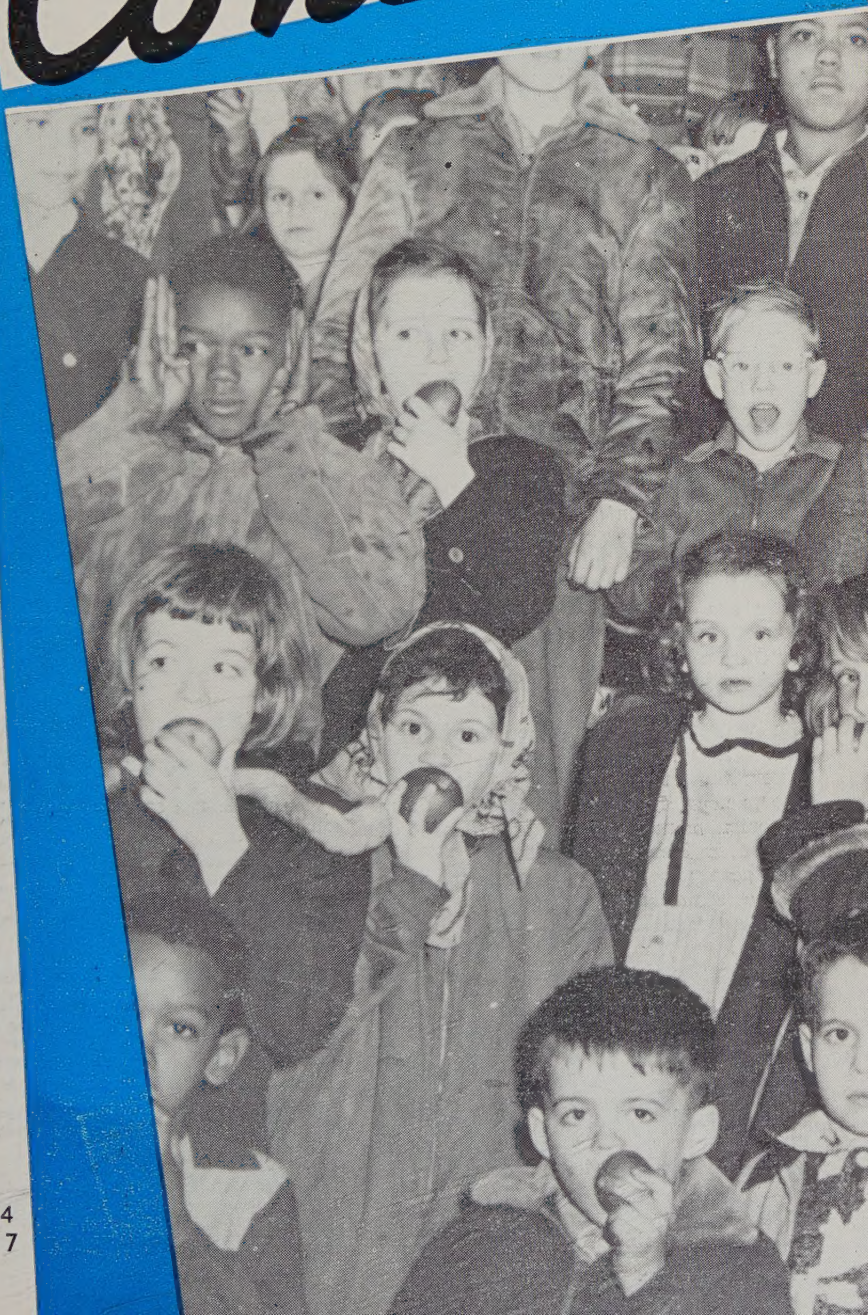

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Philadelphia's Fifth Street Community Center, the Methodist Midtown Parish in one of the city's worst slums, not only entertains more than 400 persons at turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day—the guests go home with paper bags full of food for the day-after meal.

These happy children were among the "qualified poor" of the neighborhood who attended the 1953 dinner of turkey, dressing, vegetables and ice cream, served at a cost of 86 cents a person after months of solicitation of funds, provisions and helpers.

After the children's dinner they have their regular junior church service, and adults are served in the "second round." "Religion, recreation and relief" is the Center's program, serving new immigrants and others for more than 50 years.

Inspiring chapter

From the *Central Christian Advocate* we are happy to reprint a tribute to the Republic of Liberia and its president, William V. S. Tubman, who is in the United States at the invitation of President Eisenhower:

"One of the best-known traditions in American history is the coming of the Pilgrim Fathers to these shores in the well-known ship, the Mayflower. Not many Americans know that another ship, the Elizabeth, filled with prospective colonists, sailed from America, bound for the West Coast of Africa, in February, 1820.

"These people, 88 in number, were former American slaves whose ancestors had been brought to America from Africa, but who, themselves, were now returning to the homeland to set up a country for themselves.

"The story of their efforts to build a free and independent republic on the continent of Africa is only now beginning to be generally known . . . The little republic, founded on the faith and efforts of this little group of transplanted American Negroes and their friends, has not only been able to survive after 100 years, but has made such a creditable record as a nation that it has been recognized as a full-fledged member of the international community of nations, represented in the United Nations . . .

"The son of a Methodist preacher and himself a local preacher, President Tubman finds time, in the midst of his many and pressing duties of state, to attend church services and to participate actively in the affairs of the church. Moreover, he makes generous contributions to all the churches. He is generally recognized as the patron saint of all the churches.

"The Republic of Liberia was begun with a religious tradition. Many of the early colonists were ministers of the Christian church. Practically all of the present leaders in the government are members of some Christian church . . . Let Methodists all over the nation join in a hearty welcome to our brethren from Liberia."

As we give thanks

Reveal Thy Presence now, O Lord,
As in the Upper Room of old;
Break Thou our bread, grace Thou our board,
And keep our hearts from growing cold.

—*Thomas Tiplady*

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Students, NCC meet in Boston

While older theologians and leaders of 30 denominations from all over the nation meet in Boston next week for the third General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, some 50 young seminary students from New England will be holding their own meetings.

During the first four days of the week-long Assembly they are scheduled to meet in five sessions with leading student workers from both the NCC and denominational programs to discuss issues in the field of higher education.

Highlight of the student program will be a public meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, in Boston's Symphony Hall, to be addressed by Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, professor of historic theology at Yale Divinity School.

Tuesday evening, a panel of church leaders will discuss the theme, "Ecumencial Insights as a Source of New Strength in the Church." Speakers will include Dr. Hiel Bollinger, national director of the Methodist Student Movement; Dr. J. Quinter Miller, administrative secretary of NCC; Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary of NCC, and Paul Minear, faculty member of Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

When not tied up in their own meetings the students will be pages for senior delegates at regular Assembly sessions.

Assembly delegates will elect new officers, hear major leaders of church, government and higher education, and weigh what the Council has done for its member communions since it was founded as the nation's biggest religious organization four years ago.

Conference directors get the facts

Sixty conference directors of youth and intermediate work and two conference delegates, representative 51 of Methodism's 102 annual conferences, studied "small-group" techniques and group processes for youth work in Nashville early this month, in the first major CDYW training session since 1951.

Only five of the directors had "been in the business" all that time. One had been named to his work just three days before the session began, and 23 others were new since November, 1953.

The directors and staff members discussed adult leadership for youth, subdistrict and district program, fellowship teams, youth work on a circuit, study materials, summer camping, institutes and assemblies, youth evangelism and Christian Witness Missions, older youth groups, MYF workshops and program planning.

They also heard special information about student loans and scholarships, missionaries and foreign students in this country, the National Conference of Methodist Youth and its projects, including POWER and CONCERN and the 1955 Convocation, caravans, Christian

NEWS

Religious News Service Photo

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize, accepted the award in Oslo, Norway, this month. Shown here with his wife, the 79-year-old medical missionary could not leave his post in Africa earlier. Thousands of Norwegians—many more than ever before—stood outside University Festival Hall where the award was made, and King Haakon attended the ceremony.

vocations, MYFund, World Service, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and the National MYF Commission.

There were special programs for inspiration and dedication, fellowship hours, film reviews, exhibits, and visits to Scarritt College, the Board of Evangelism building, and as many of Nashville's historic and scenic spots as time allowed. Headquarters for the sessions was the Board of Education building, with youth department staff members as hosts.

"People's enemies" on new list

Persons who oppose hysterical anti-Communist methods — mccarthyism — are listed in a recent mailing from Los Angeles to American press agencies and newspapers.

These persons are not accused of being Communists, but "by virtue of their social positions" they exert "greater influence and therefore are more dangerous than members of the Communist Party. They attempt to suppress and destroy opposition to the subversion in government. This conspiracy against the American people should be widely exposed; anti-Communists should know their enemies."

Who are these supposed "conspirators" against the American people?

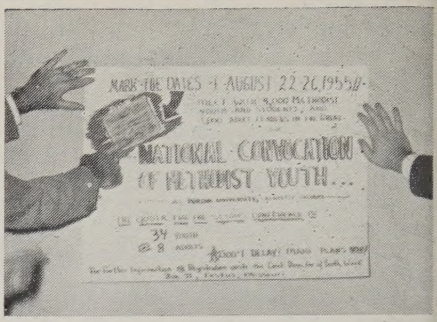
Among them are a very few who have been attacked for Communist sympathies, such as Paul Robeson and Howard Fast.

But here are others, selected as typical of "enemies of anti-Communists—conspirators against the American people—more dangerous than Communists":

Erwin D. Canham, editor of the *Christian Science Monitor;* Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Chief Justice Earl Warren, John Foster Dulles, Milton Eisenhower, Dean Acheson; Sherman Adams, White House aide to the President; Connecticut Republican Senator Prescott Bush, Marshall Field, Gen. William Donovan, Samuel Goldwyn, Henry Ford II, Averill Harriman, Thomas E. Dewey, Lever Brothers, Bill Mauldin, Norman Thomas, Harry S. Truman, Nelson Rockefeller, Maryland's Republican Governor Theodore McKeldin; John Peurifoy, ambassador to Guatemala; *Fortune* magazine.

About 175 more are included on the list.

BULLETIN-BOARD STUFF



How important can a calendar be? Oh, tremendously.

So you're marking it for those all-important dates NEXT AUGUST (see fine print above). (The hands are private property and not to be read unless offered.)

Gay Little of Carthage, Mo., member of one of the 50 Little families in the Clever, Mo., Methodist church, has had her calendar marked SINCE MARCH, when she announced she had plans 17 months ahead.

There's lots of interesting, miscellaneous information about Convocation-Bound Gay — hired on a Friday — the thirteenth to be director of religious education at First Church in Carthage —also majoring in home economics at Kansas State Teachers College and is signed up with Board of Missions to be a full-time missionary to Africa—is president of the Missouri UCMY and past prexy of Southwest Missouri Conference MYF.

ALSO says all her family wears shoes—plans to keep cool during the Convocation by reading Pogo books and letters from friends (?) (punctuation supplied by her)—ham and eggs for breakfast — attended the 1954 MYF UN-Washington Seminar—prays that "the good Lord will make this not just another meeting but the beginning of God's convocation in the heart of MYF'ers."

You, too, can SIGN UP early and AVOID THE LINE-UP. **Get in touch with your conference or state director.** This is a quota proposition!

Thompson speaks to superintendents

Richard Thompson, president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, participated in the program of the nation-wide District Superintendent's Conference in Chicago this week, speaking as a young layman on behalf of commitment to abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages.

He discussed the four-point program of the Board of Temperance—education, legislation, commitment and rehabilitation—before the 700 Methodist leaders attending the conference.

Bishops, board staff members, executive secretaries and editors joined the superintendents in their review of accomplishments and opportunities in work of The Methodist Church at the half-way point between the 1952 and 1956 General Conferences. The work of the district superintendent was emphasized as the link between the local church and the world parish.

India to entertain Forestry Congress

India will be host to the World Forestry Congress sponsored by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, at Dehra Dun in December. The FAO is pushing the idea of a world festival of trees, emphasizing the role of trees both in economics and esthetics.

Many nations now celebrate tree days, from "Greening Week" in Japan and Arbor Day in the U. S., to "Reforestation Week" in Yugoslavia and "Students' Afforestation Day" in Iceland.

Registration due in December

Registrations for the student and MYF UN-Washington Seminars in February must be made in December.

Dec. 15 is the deadline for applications for the Christian Citizenship Seminar for Students, Feb. 6 to 12. Interested students should write at once to Miss Dorothy Nyland, Secretary of Student Work, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11.

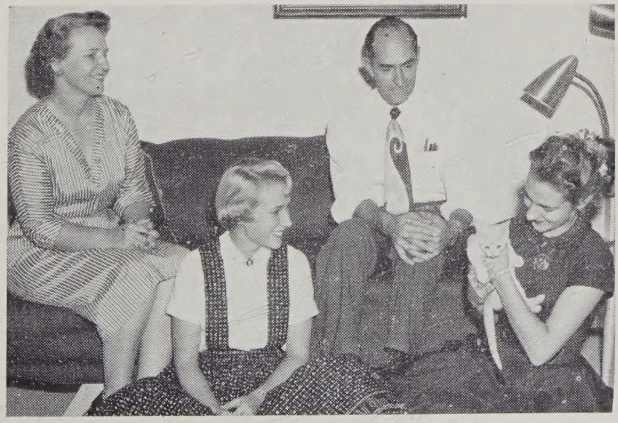
MYF officers — conference council members, conference, district or sub-district chairmen of Christian Outreach and Citizenship—may attend the MYF seminars the weeks of Feb. 20 to 26, and Feb. 27 to Mar. 5.

Details may be had from your conference, district or sub-district leaders (if you did not see the story in the Nov. 12 issue of CONCERN), and registration cards are available from the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2. Be sure to tell what office you hold when you write for a registration card, and get your application in before Dec. 31.

New radio series of church music

A new series of weekly radio programs featuring great church music began last week-end and will continue through April. It is "Thy Kingdom Come," to be aired over the NBC network each Saturday evening for half an hour.

Actor-singer Ray Middleton is narrator and there are a 17-piece brass ensemble and a 14-voice mixed chorus.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schimmel and daughters, Ann and Kay (with kitten), were chosen "most representative family" at the San Antonio, Texas, Methodist Youth Festival recently. Brother Freddy was absent during photography. Laurel Heights Church was host to more than 700 for the festival.

Church-sponsored refugees arrive

"I am very happy to be here; I thank you."

So spoke a 12-year-old Latvian boy, orphan and refugee, on his arrival in the United States with 67 other refugees, the first church-sponsored mass arrival under the new Refugee Relief Act.

He is Gunnar Springis, who joined his grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Fritz Springis, ministerial family of the Lakota and Ledyard Methodist churches in Iowa.

The refugees, from Greece, Germany, Austria and Italy, flew from Munich to New York and were greeted at a Church World Service resettlement conference. They were to go to homes in 13 states.

The Methodist Church, through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, helped sponsor 21 of the new arrivals, in Waterbury, Conn., Detroit, Mich., Smithville, Ohio, and Chicago. Five thousand may come under Methodist auspices if sponsors are found to assure housing, jobs, and guarantee that the refugee will not become a public charge.

Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, secretary of promotion of the Refugee Resettlement program of MCOR, estimates that 2,500 sponsors will be needed. Many of the refugees will come in family groups.

The Refugee Relief Act of 1953 expires in December, 1956. Because it takes many months for an offer to be processed after assurance forms are completed, interested persons are urged to write to Miss Lee (150 Fifth Ave., New York 11) at once.

German teen-agers in Tarzan band

In the tiny town of Muelheim, Germany, 30 teen-age boys have banded together to help the poor and disabled.

Began when a few of them, coming home from a Tarzan movie, saw a little old woman dragging home some firewood, ran to help her with it, and decided to keep on doing good deeds. Calling themselves **Tarzans**, they have the full backing of adults, who provide paint, tools, broken furniture to be repaired, then given away, etc.

Dues of 10 Pfennige a week buy other necessities.

—*Bunte Illustrierte, Offenburg*
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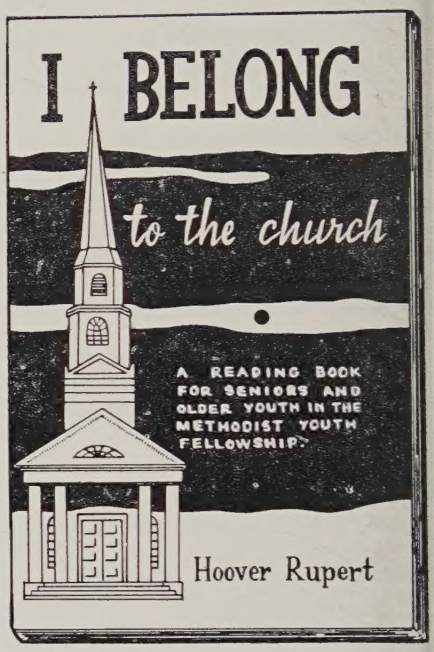

The Lenten Reading Project for 1955 in the Youth Emphasis will consider the theme, "The Church," studying a specially-written book, *I Belong*, by Dr. Hoover Rupert, formerly director of the Youth Department of the General Board of Education.

The book discusses in a very interesting way some of the beginnings and history of the church, the possibilities of the work of the church, and youth's place in it.

I Belong will be available from branch houses of the Methodist Publishing House Jan. 15. Single copies will be 35 cents; ten or more will be 30 cents each. Leaflets describing the Lenten Reading Project and discussion guides for the book are available free from the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2. There will be a special article about the project in the January *Roundtable*.

Tenderfoot's travelogue

To a person born, reared and educated in the South, the West Coast is fabulous country. "Official" reports from chambers of commerce, "western" films produced in Hollywood, and word-of-mouth reports from visitors had gone into my mental image of the far West.

The West is fabulous! I hasten to add: in ways quite unlike my preconceptions.

For example, the influx of new citizens into southern California is staggering. In the Los Angeles area alone, there are about 1,000 new citizens per day. This means the task of the church has an intensely missionary flavor—three new churches were begun on one Sunday while I was in California. A district superintendent said 79 other churches could be formed in the conference immediately, if leaders and funds were available.

This situation gives one the feeling of "new pioneer days"—that the stakes are not down; the sky's the limit. It also poses some serious problems.

Many of the new citizens feel lost in the immensity of large cities and new communities. Accustomed patterns of living are disrupted, and new ones have not yet been formed. Delinquency is a real problem, a growing one. It includes dope addiction and major crimes—murder, robbery, rape.

The sheer weight of numbers weighs heavily on many youth workers. But creative and significant things are being done by youth and their leaders through the church.

A good example is the MYF of First Church in Hollywood. The youth learned some months ago about the efforts of Andrew Griffin, minister of Emmanuel Methodist Church in east Los Angeles, to provide club work as a positive answer to juvenile delinquency in that "tough" area. They adopted the approach of "helping the Emmanuel MYF to help themselves." This meant numerous work parties to help fix up and paint the MYF meeting room at Emmanuel Church. It also meant work projects — such as washing cars — to earn money for paint and other supplies.

Another example of positive youth work is found at Lynwood Church, where money ran out before construction of the new chapel and education building was completed. So the members — including the young people — pitched in. They plastered, painted, laid linoleum tiles. Net result: great enthusiasm for the church's program from the very first Sunday in the new quarters.

In the older youth fall training council meetings for southern California and Arizona, these young people faced up squarely to some unsolved problems: How reach working youth? how minister effectively to youth in the armed forces? how establish new older youth groups?

Significant programs for often-neglected elements of the older youth were discovered. First Church, San Diego, has a large number of servicemen as a regular part of its youth program. Echo Park Church is in earnest about reaching working youth. In Arizona, a surprising number of youth in Central Church, Phoenix, have volunteered for full time church-related vocations. At Tempe, youth come out at 6:30 in the morning for weekly Bible study.

One of the high points of the trip was the three-day vocations conference at Camp Cedar Glen near Julian, Calif. About 130 high school seniors and college students traveled as far as 400 miles to discuss the challenge and opportunities for service through the church.

Side trips were made to All Nations Foundation and Plaza Community Center, both in Los Angeles. All Nations has club work, sports, an out-patient clinic, reading and a church. A similar program is carried on at Hollenbeck Center.

Fred Cloud, editor of "Roundtable" and "Christian Action," study materials for Methodist youth, visited the Southern California-Arizona Conference the first two weeks in October. His observations and impressions of young persons at work in the church there have been written especially for CONCERN.

BY FRANCIS B. SAYRE

VIEWS

Christian Japan hope of Asia

A Christian Japan could become the brightest hope in Asia today. The totalitarian forces which built up militarism and drove Japan into a disastrous war against the liberal forces of the West are today beaten and dormant. But they could be rebuilt.

Also, Japan could succumb to the false and contaminating communist propaganda which comes flooding across from Russia. China has already become engulfed. India remains in considerable uncertainty. Wave after wave of communism is sweeping across Indo-China; and if Indo-China falls, a direct pathway leads to Thailand, Burma and Indonesia. Already communism has captured a third of the entire population of the world.

Japan today in the long view is one of the most strategic and critical spots in the world. The concepts of democracy and human freedom are knocking insistently at Japan's gates, demanding revoluntionary changes in her thinking, her ways of life, her international objectives.

With her great industrial potentialities, with her hard-working, self-disciplined people, intensely loyal to the ideals implanted in their hearts, with her strategic geographic position on the Eastern seaboard, Japan could well turn the tide of history in Asia.

But Christianity in Japan has had an unhappy past. For more than 200 years Christianity was held a capital offense, and Japanese were taught to fear the "evil sect." Today only a fringe of Japanese are Christians—less than 400,000 out of a population of some 87 million.

Can the mass of Japanese farmers and fishermen and city dwellers be brought before it is too late, to understand and believe in the great teachings and concepts of Jesus Christ? This is the supreme question in the Asia of our generation.

One of the most effective ways to weave Christianity into the thinking of a country is to impart Christian concepts to growing students, who will become the leaders of the coming generation. For this purpose men of high vision, in the years immediately following the disastrous war, founded in Japan the International Christian University.

It has now some 350 students, coming from Japan, China, India, Korea, Siam and the United States, with an administrative and academic faculty of more than 80. Its faculty and trustees are 100 per cent Christian—a standard to which few, if any other Christian universities in Japan have been able to attain.

Unlike most other Japanese universities, it is establishing a dormitory system so faculty and students can live and study and work together on the campus as a large Christian family. Denominationalism and sectarianism have no place at I. C. U.; all try to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ as each understands what that means.

The curriculum is built upon the humanities. The objective is a search for truth, based upon the reality of human brotherhood. The particular aim is to prepare men and women for teaching, for government work and for social work programs.

International Christian University is a venture of courage and faith. The outcome lies in the hands of God. The eyes of Christians all over the world are on I. C. U.

(Editor's Note: An attractive promotional leaflet about the I. C. U. is available from The Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc., 44 East 23rd St., New York 10. It tells a picture story, "A New Basis for Hope.")

Francis B. Sayre, veteran American diplomat and former chairman of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, recently returned from Japan where he served as the personal secretary of the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country. Among the posts held by Dr. Sayre have been: Assistant Secretary of State, U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines, Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, and Professor of International Law in Harvard College.

Message for youth in Trueblood release

An immense growth in the sense of religious responsibility among laymen has given a new vitality to Christianity, according to Dr. Elton Trueblood, chief of religious information for the United States Information Agency.

"Ten thousand years from now our children's children will think of us as living in one of the creative periods and at a time much nearer to the beginning than to the end of the Christian movement. The Christian faith is still young. We are still in a period when it is flexible and growing and vital . . . The Christian faith is again on the march," said Dr. Trueblood.

Hailing our "new reformation," Dr. Trueblood stressed "three great words" —vocation, commitment and stewardship—through which he said Christian witness is appearing in new ways.

"It is only in a better use of lay men and women that a great change can come," he said.

What would you do with it?

In 1951, Larry Moore, of Suamico, Wis., former president of the National Mutation Mink Association, donated his mink farm in Wisconsin to the trustees of First Methodist Church of Hereford, Texas, the proceeds to be used to "improve and help humanity on a world-wide basis." Mr. Moore had been with his family in Hereford for some time for health reasons.

The "Larry Moore Ranch" was incorporated with three Methodist ministers as directors, and "Ideas Unlimited" was established by the church for channeling the "help to humanity."

One of the main contributions of "Ideas Unlimited" to date has been the promotion of a lecture clinic in Lubbock, Texas, "to coordinate services of physicians and ministers toward treatment of people who are ill from emotional causes."

Recently some 2,000 doctors and physicians attended such a lecture clinic made possible by the foundation.

CIO appeals to all churches

The CIO, through the Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department of the United Automobile Workers, has sent to "the American clergy" of all denominations a plea for the elimination of race discrimination within the churches.

A statement, "Souls Don't Have Color," says:

"Segregation within the churches, particularly in view of the recent Supreme Court decision on segregation in the schools, takes on added significance. It is of current topical interest to all who believe in the brotherhood of man."

SOCIAL PRESTIGE
For social standing and the rest
Up the ladder we must go,
So we can mingle with the best,
Lord and Lady So-and-So!

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CUES CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 15—Commitment Day.
Friday, Dec. 10—Human Rights Day.
Sunday, Dec. 12—Universal Bible Sunday.
Wednesday, Dec. 15 — Safe Driving Day.
Sunday, Dec. 26—Student Recognition Day.
Friday, Dec. 31 — Watch Night and MYF Birthday.

Commitment day -- a step in living

Commitment to abstinence—"a step in Christian living"—is to be considered throughout Methodism on Commitment Day, Sunday, Dec. 5.

All pastors have received sample packets of materials for Commitment Day—perhaps your family has received a mailing from your pastor in preparation for the time of decision. Pastors also have been urged by the Board of Temperance to conduct worship programs, church-wide study and other activities in preparation for Commitment Day.

Your part in Commitment Day will be as important as any other Methodist's—what will **you** do about the opportunity to pledge your life to abstinence from use of alcoholic beverages?

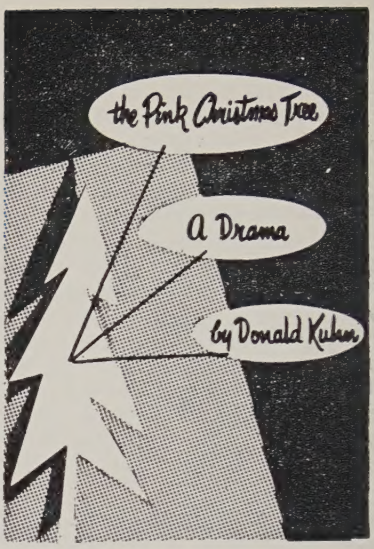
Students honored on recognition day

Local churches will see how the lives of their own students have been influenced, enriched and transformed by the church on the campus on Student Recognition Day, Dec. 26.

A worship service similar to those used in other years has been developed on the theme, "A High Calling."

Copies may be obtained from the Department of College and University Religious Life, Box 871, Nashville 2.

Suggestions for the observance of Student Recognition Day also are included in the September-October issue of *Church and Campus*, from the Division of Educational Institutions, Box 871, Nashville 2.



(Here is a review by Harold Ehrensperger, former editor of *motive*, director of the Foreign Student Program and professor of Creative Arts at Boston University, of a play written by Don Kuhn, member of the Board of Temperance, for use in dramatizing the problems of drinking).

"The Pink Christmas Tree" is a play that is plausible, that does not take itself too seriously, and that concerns people who could be real. For a play dealing with the complex problem of drinking, this is more than can be said about any short play I know of on the same subject . . .

One of the outstanding assets of the sketch is its humor which arises from two characters who endear themselves to us—Auntie and the TV repairman. Both are delightfully refreshing . . .

For most groups we can't think of a better play on this subject, and for groups where drinking has become the strange necessity that it is, this is the play . . .

Don Kuhn has created characters and dialogue that are familiar, and he has placed his drama rightly at a moment of decision, at a crisis, which is the essence of change. The business of the Christian is to give direction to change . . . ."

Order from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D.C., at 40 cents a copy.

CLAUD NELSON SAYS:

We need to know

Contrary to what its enemies say, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is not a binding treaty. It is, however, an extremely important internationally agreed-upon statement of what the peoples of the world should seek for themselves in the way of freedom and mutual respect.

It is also serving as a model for some national constitutions and agreements, and an influence on various legislation.

In 30 articles, the Declaration sets forth various political, economic, social and personal rights. It recognizes the dignity and the needful basic rights of all members of the human family.

Some of them long have been familiar to Americans: for instance, freedom of religion, speech and assembly; trial by jury; protection against cruel and inhuman punishment; the right to own property; the right to work and to an education.

A little newer, perhaps, but also very important in America's thinking, is the right to "have access to the cultural resources of the community." And there are rights we've hardly thought about, but which instantly strike a responsive chord in all lovers of liberty: the right to leave any country and return to it; the right to nationality; the right to marry and have a family, to CHANGE one's religion or beliefs; the right NOT to belong to an association; and finally, the right to rest!

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The United States National Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Economic and Social Council) has just published a flyer on Human Rights Day Dec. 10.

It contains the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and our own U.S. Bill of Rights, as well as some excellent suggestions for the observance of this day.

Copies of this folder are available free from U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, Washington 25, D.C.

Urge surplus food for flood victims

Declaring that Christians are under obligation to obey: "If thine enemy hunger, feed him," the Fellowship of Reconciliation has launched a campaign to urge President Eisenhower to make available "a generous portion" of America's surplus food to flood victims in China.

The FOR reports that summer floods of the Yangtse and Huai Rivers were greater than anything ever before recorded, covering most of the vital "rice bowl" that provides a major part of China's food. In a similar but somewhat less destructive flood in 1931, the FOR points out, 140,000 persons were drowned and 53 million people died in the resulting famine.

The campaign, which the Fellowship invites other organizations and individuals to take up with it or independently, urges members to organize local "Food-for-China" committees and to send small bags of grain or cereal to the White House as a demonstration of their concern. Small cotton bags imprinted with the legend, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him," are being distributed.

A women's committee is seeking the signatures of a million church women asking the President to send the food as a "love gift" to the hungry children of China.

For folders, the little shipping bags or other information, write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 21 Audubon Ave., New York 2.

Bible story magazine

Have you seen the new comics magazine of Bible stories? Reprinted from the Sunday newspaper comic strip, "Tales From the Great Book," which is published in 68 papers, the new magazine appeared on news stands last week.

Friends of CONCERN

(Sent in five or more subscriptions)

Charlene Tansey, Indiana 22
Boyce Howell, Florida 13
Carolyn Langille, Mass. 7
Mary Simonson, Washington 9
Carol Scott, California 12

Christmas service for family use

Although it was not planned as part of the Youth Emphasis material, the new four-page worship service, "Christmas Worship in the Home," prepared by the Department of the Christian Family, will be of interest to all Methodist young people.

In an attractive four-color folder, the worship service offers excellent material that any family will be able to use and enjoy. There also are suggestions for family Christmas traditions, gifts, decorations and music.

Copies of the service are 30 cents per dozen, $2 per hundred, from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2.

Reckless driving: illegal, informal

Dec. 15 is to be S-D Day—a 24-hour period when every driver and pedestrian in the country will be asked to put the Golden Rule to work on streets and highways, in an effort to eliminate traffic accidents.

Safe Driving Day is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, and will be put into action by state and local directors of the campaign to "demonstrate that the place to attack the traffic safety problem is in the community, and that the responsibility rests upon each individual."

It has been suggested that Christians should realize the possible sinfulness involved in traffic decisions—that traffic safety is a moral issue as well as a legal matter.

REAL GOOD SPORTS

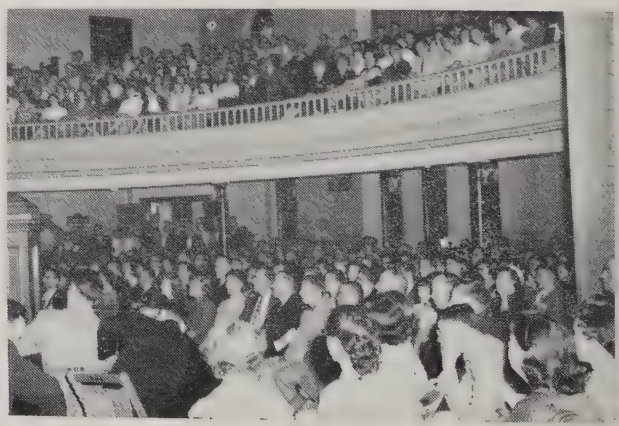
As basketballs begin to hit the hardwood in the new season, we wonder if there will be a repetition of the bribery scandal that shook our sports world in 1953. Similar stories came out of other sports as the year progressed

CONCERN readers may be interested in the other side of the picture—news of a great host of athletes and other outstanding persons in the sports world who are making a unique Christian witness. These persons perhaps have had national publicity as to their athletic abilities, but have rarely been given news space because of their witness.

Because of the wide appeal of this type of news, CONCERN will begin a new column in its next issue. This column will tell of the Christian contributions being made in the sports and recreation world by well-known athletes, both collegiate and professional; others in sports associations such as announcers and columnists; and members of our youth and student groups who also are making a real witness.

Because this column will have so many possibilities, CONCERN will appreciate hearing from you. Perhaps you will have ideas as to how the column may be improved. Maybe you will be violently opposed to the whole idea. In any event, we are eager to hear from you. What is your reaction?

—Barbara Eskew



INSIDE—This is part of the crowd of 1,000 in Kumler Church, Springfield, Ill., for the closing service of the Illinois Conference Pilot Christian Witness Mission Oct. 24. Bishop Charles Brashares of the Chicago Area was speaking.

Illinois CW Mission helps 54 churches

"This ought to be a continuing program of the church—it has completely re-vitalized our youth group," said one pastor after the Illinois Conference Pilot Christian Witness Mission.

Youth and adult workers from the seven districts of the conference worked in 54 churches in the Springfield district Oct. 22-24.

During the week-end 461 new members were enrolled in the MYF, and 254 decided to unite with the church. More than 800 youth were enrolled to take a series of 13 lessons on the MYF and Christian faith.

Christian Witness Missions will be held in the other six districts next March.

1,118 new members in Baltimore MYF's

The week-end visitation evangelism by 938 youth of Baltimore and Washington Conferences in the Baltimore metropolitan area last month netted 1,118 new MYF members in 210 local churches.

Altogether, the Christian Witness Mission participants called on 2,372 unchurched young people, won 288 on profession of faith.

At a series of mass meetings in the city's famed Mt. Vernon Place Church, Dr. Walter K. Kerr of Tyler, Texas, preached five nights to an average attendance of 1,400 MYF'ers and their newly-won friends. By the end of the week 230 young people had pledged themselves for full-time Christian service in church-related vocations.

The report to CONCERN concludes: "Now MYF members in Baltimore know that nothing beats visitation evangelism for the up-building of the church and the Youth Fellowship."

MYF in action

Officers, workers trained at Garrett

Youth officers and adult workers with youth in the Rock River Conference had an MYF clinic at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, this fall. More than 300 participated.

Highlight of the conference program following was the Bishops' Rallies in 23 churches last Sunday evening.

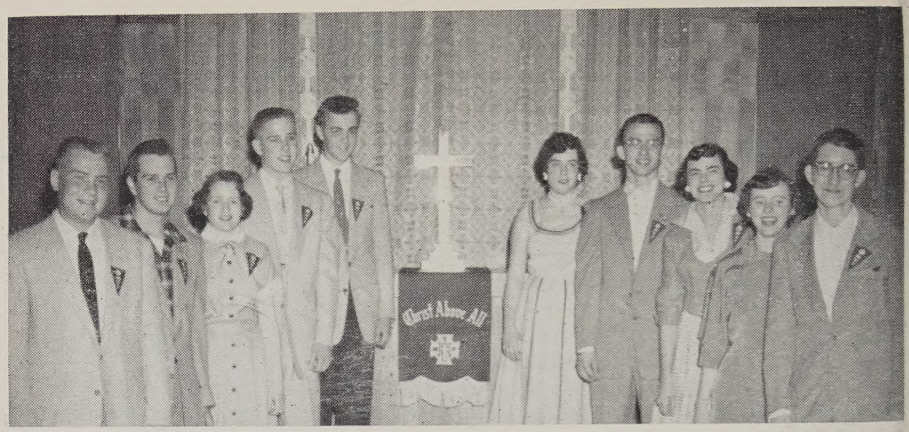
Twenty-three bishops of The Methodist Church, in Chicago for their semi-annual meeting, spoke in the Rock River Conference on the theme, "We Stand With Youth," and offerings were taken to establish a Conference Camp Site Fund.

Decision on the offering was voted at a special session of the annual conference Nov. 13.

In February the conference council will have a Christian Faith Retreat, "The Church Alive," based on the Lenten reading project.

Wanted: News and views from you. Share your concerns with us —CONCERN, Box 871, Nashville 2.

OUTSIDE — This is part of the over-flow crowd pouring out of Mt. Vernon Place Church in Baltimore after a preaching session in the Christian Witness Mission for the Baltimore and Washington Conferences.



The MYF Council for Rock River (Ill.) Conference, shown above, helped plan and promote the conference Youth Emphasis program and Fellowship of Study and Action (see story on page 13). Council members, l-to-r, are Charles Pierson, Fellowship; Robert Wessling, Citizenship; Judy Bunyar, Outreach; Robert Wessling (that's what the identification says), Witness; Ken Carder, Faith; Jane Fothergill, president; Jerry Lewis, vice president; Barbara Berry, secretary; Frances Schoonmaker, treasurer; and David Ehalt, publicity chairman.

Indiana MSM announces speaker

Dr. Paul L. Holmer, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota, will be featured speaker for the Indiana MSM spring conference next Mar. 18-20.

Evansville College Methodists will be hosts to representatives of the 11 MSM and WF groups in the state. The theme will be "My Responsibility as a Christian Citizen."

Interracial meet for Georgia MSM

Two things were uppermost in the comments of those who attended the Georgia MSM conference Nov. 5-7 at Clark College in Atlanta.

First was the enthusiastic response to Dr. Glenn Olds' fresh and personable approach to the problems of young Christians; second was the naturalness of the interracial feature of the conference.

Methodist students have attended the interracial conference at Paine College in Augusta for years, said CONCERN representative Claud Nelson, but this was the first state wide Methodist student gathering known to him.

Young Methodists of Georgia's colleges acted "as though they had never heard of 'race,'" commented Nelson. It is this factor—the desire for brotherhood among the young people of the South, he said, which is the most important for more meaningful human relations in the future.

MSM in action

New student center ceremony Dec. 5

A new Methodist Student Center is under construction at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., with corner-stone ceremonies scheduled for Dec. 5, Bishop Paul N. Garber to be the speaker.

The new building will include a combination lounge and meeting room, a prayer room, office, recreation facilities, an apartment for the WF director and guest accommodations.

NOTE FROM ARIZONA--

Oveta Culp Hobby, U.S. Secretary of Health Education and Welfare, spoke for the Nov. 7 Forum of the WF at the University of Arizona.

THANKS FROM SCHOLARS

By special arrangement with the Board of Missions, Crusade Scholars—86 of them, sponsored by The Methodist Church in their studies in this country—are receiving copies of POWER and CONCERN this school year. Because their subscriptions are a project of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, we are sharing their appreciation with you.

To CONCERN:

I deeply appreciate the gifts sent to me by the National Conference of Methodist Youth. The two Methodist youth publications, POWER and CONCERN, have been my source book of much inspiration. I have enjoyed tremendously reading these publications which have helped me keep the "spiritual glow" amidst the busy life and a mind so well absorbed in my studies.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for these valuable gifts which should be included as "must" reading materials for all Methodist youth.

Jose B. Catindig

Through you, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the NCMY for the spirit of concern which made possible a gift subscription for CONCERN and POWER last year. I enjoyed reading them because they kept me up-to-date not only on activities of the MYF here and abroad but also on important aspects of the current news.

Aurelio O. Elevazo

This afternoon I was very happy to receive POWER and CONCERN from you. Thank you very much for sending them. I think that I will read and find therein some good stimulation that I need in my spiritual life. Thank you again for your gift.

Koh Kasegawa

I am especially happy to have copies of POWER and CONCERN as I have been very much interested in them. **I found in CONCERN the other day the letter written by an American to a girl in Japan whose father died by H-bomb experiment in the Pacific. I was greatly impressed by that, and I want to introduce it to my Christian friends in Japan.**

Jiro Mizuno

Thank you very much for copies of the POWER and CONCERN that you will be sending me. I always like to read them for the deep insights they give me and they keep me fully aware about places and people that I should be concerned about. I think that they are very good in having others know about what the MYF is doing.

Auerida T. Jose

May I express my appreciation and thanks to you and those with you who are sending the issues of POWER and CONCERN to me. I am already familiar with the good work and word they bring and will be happy to have them. we have used them both with fine results in Hawaii.

Paul Billings

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To CONCERN:

In a past issue of CONCERN there was an article concerning the surplus food products that the government has turned over to the churches for distribution.

This need has been concerning more and more youth in Missouri Conference; in fact, the money needed for sending these products has been collected by 'trick or treaters' on Halloween and 'Coins for Commodities' programs. Please send me more information.

Tom Adams

To CONCERN:

I would like information on becoming a CONCERN representative.

I am 16 years old and a member of the Epworth Methodist Church and the MYF in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

I am very much interested in the magazine. I believe there are many youth in my city who are not 'CONCERN-ed' but have not had the opportunity.

Donna Peterson

Here's the vital information on the

Christmas Cards

being sold by the National Conference of Methodist Youth in cooperation with the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief:

Box of 20—$3.
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Quantities of 61 *to* 99—10¢ *each.*
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Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

JEST FOR FUN

"I'm glad you enjoyed my sermon. I noticed your husband walked out during the service—I hope he isn't ill."
"Oh, no, he walks in his sleep."

"My grandfather plays the piano by ear!" "Well, mine fiddles with his whiskers."

Don't yell through that screen door, Mother; you'll strain your voice!

"Guess I'll hit the hay," said the farmer as he slid off the barn.

"Little man, why aren't you in school instead of here at the movies?"
"Oh, it's all right, mister—I got the measles."

"How many milk shakes can you eat on an empty stomach?"
"Oh, about three, I guess."
"Nope. Only one—after that, it isn't empty."

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